



## Arts Council of Greater Lansing

*Leading, advocating for, and advancing arts and culture in the capital region since 1965*

December 2009



### Arts Advocate Award Recipients

*2009 Applause Award and Business Arts Awards Winners Announced at December Holiday Glitter*

### December Artist Opportunities

*Employment, Funding, and Opportunities for Professionals Working in the Arts*



2009 Business Arts Award winners Jerry, Linda and Jordan Sutton of Sutton Advisors, stand alongside 2009 Applause Award Winner Walt Sorg. Photo courtesy of Mark Henne.

The Arts Council recognized local radio personality [Walt Sorg](#) and Lansing-based [Sutton Advisors, PLC](#) for their leadership, commitment and vision in support of the arts at its annual Holiday Glitter event Dec. 1.

#### **Applause Award Winner: Walt Sorg**

The recipient of the 2009 Arts Council Applause Award is Walt Sorg, host and producer of "[AM Lansing](#)" on [1320 WILS](#) for his tireless support of the performing arts in both his professional and personal life. In addition to initiating about eight segments a month on the performing arts for his show, Sorg has personally donated radio advertising to the Lansing Symphony Orchestra for the 2009-10 season, broadcasts advance interviews on many area performances, includes a weekly "live entertainment" report for smaller music venues and consistently encourages financial support of the arts by his listeners.

#### **Business Arts Award Winner: Sutton Advisors**

The 2009 Arts Council Business Arts Award winner is [Sutton Advisors](#). Owners Jerry, Linda and Jordan Sutton are active and generous supporters of the arts in the greater Lansing community. In addition to being avid patrons of the arts, the Suttons have incorporated their love and support of the arts and Lansing into their everyday work environment and business philosophy.

"Both Walt Sorg and the Suttons personally model the Arts Council's mission to make art happen in greater Lansing. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication to arts organizations and individual artists in our community," said Arts Council Executive Director Leslie Donaldson.

Funds from the annual Holiday Glitter support the

#### December Opportunities



The latest information for artists and arts organizations listing upcoming grant deadlines, auditions, exhibition opportunities, and other information of interest to the arts community.

#### **Spotlight opportunity:**

The City of East Lansing Arts Commission is accepting proposals from artists for a commissioned public art sculpture honoring the legacy of former E. L. councilmember Mary Sharp. Click [here](#) for details.

#### **December Arts and Cultural Calendar**

**Your Link to Exhibitions, Events, Festivals, and the Performing Arts in Greater Lansing**

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Feel the glow of the holidays in greater Lansing this season with events and performances including the [Wonderland of Lights](#) at the Potter Park Zoo, "[This Wonderful Life](#)" at Williamston



Theatre, "[Irving Berlin's White Christmas](#)" at the Wharton Center, and the "[Turn the World Around](#)," winter concert at Dart Auditorium.

*Turn the World Around poster image courtesy of [Sistrum](#).*

#### **Technology Innovation Center Celebrates First Anniversary**

**East Lansing Center Invites Community to Celebrate**

Celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Technology Innovation Center in East Lansing on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 5

Arts Council's mission to lead, advocate for, and advance arts and culture in the capital region. Proceeds will assist more than 120 arts and cultural groups in the region through support services and the distribution of more than \$275,000 in grant funds. In addition, event proceeds allow the Arts Council to continue two unique grant programs for the arts, including a grant program for individual artists.

The event is made possible through the generosity of many supporters including Double Platinum sponsor the [Radisson Hotel Lansing](#) and [BRD Printing, Inc.](#)

p.m., 325 E. Grand River Ave. Register at [www.launchedeastlansing.com](http://www.launchedeastlansing.com). Admission is free.

Guests will enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres and music. Speakers include: Theodore J. Staton, East Lansing City Manager; Victor W. Loomis, East Lansing Mayor; Michael R. Poterala, Executive Director, Michigan State University Technologies; Denyse Ferguson, President, Lansing Economic Area Partnership.

The East Lansing Innovator of the Year Award will also be presented, along with a champagne toast by Amy Cosper, Editor-in-Chief, Entrepreneur Magazine.

## Community Spotlight

### *Wonderland of Lights at Potter Park Zoo*

**Nov. 27- Dec. 27**  
**Thursday - Sunday**  
**5 to 8 p.m.**

Potter Park Zoo  
[www.potterparkzoo.org](http://www.potterparkzoo.org)

Potter Park Zoo is aglow with thousands of lights including life-size animal silhouettes and moving light sculptures during its 17th annual Wonderland of Lights now through Dec. 27.

Along with the glowing lights, the evenings feature crafts and cookie decorating, story telling, animal presentations, holiday music, a bonfire and hot cocoa. Santa and Mrs. Claus also appear every Friday and Saturday evening to hear children's wish lists.

"Wonderland of Lights has become such a fantastic tradition in our community," said Zoo Society Director Diane McNeil. "Each year, this dazzling display of light and color gets bigger and better. The holidays wouldn't be complete without a walk through this winter wonderland to check out all the new touches."

More animal sculptures and more environmentally-friendly LED lighting are new this year.

Wonderland of Lights is open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays to Sundays. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$3 for senior citizens; and \$2 for children under 15. Zoo Society members will be admitted for free.

On Dec. 13, the society will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to St. Vincent's Home for Children.

Potter Park Zoo is located at 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave. in Lansing, Michigan. The zoo is open daily year-round, winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (517) 483-4222 or visit [www.potterparkzoo.org](http://www.potterparkzoo.org).



## 2009 Silver Bells in the City

150,000 - 180,000 Celebrate the Season and the Arts in Downtown Lansing



On November 20, 150,000 and 180,000 filled the streets of downtown Lansing to help usher in the holiday season at the [25th Annual Silver Bells in the City](#). Nearly a half million lights in a variety of colors on 70 units in the Electric Light Parade brightened the downtown area and the holiday spirits of the young and old alike who lined the parade route.

Following the parade, tree lighting and fireworks display over the Capitol dome, spectators dispersed throughout the downtown area to visit more than 20 activity sites, enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, and experience performances by nearly 50 local artists and arts and cultural organizations. [Lansing 150](#) also celebrated its Grand Finale event of the year by featuring a community sing and concert performance by the great [Bettye LaVette](#) at the [Lansing Center](#).

[Lansing City TV](#), [Lansing Community College TV](#) and [Comcast On Demand](#) service will air this year's Silver Bells festivities, along with special 25th anniversary bonus features, throughout the holiday season. Limited-edition DVDs will also be available for purchase at [Michigania](#), located at 112 S. Washington, or through the [Arts Council](#) by calling 517-372-4636.

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